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SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE - ZAIRE

1. PARAS 2 - 8 CONTAIN PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR
APRIL 1 BRIEFING FOR USE ONLY IF ASKED:

2. Q: HOW DOES THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT'S CENSORSHIP
OF THE FOREIGN PRESS FIT INTO THE ADMINISTRATION'S VIEW
OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE?

A: ALTHOUGH THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE, AS A SOVEREIGN
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NATION, HAS THE RIGHT TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS, WE DO NOT
CONDONE THE PRACTICE OF CENSORSHIP.

3. Q: WHAT ABOUT FNLC CLAIMS THAT TWO COMPANIES OF
U.S. TROOPS HAVE BEEN DRESSED IN ZAIRIAN ARMY UNIFORMS
AND SENT TO KOLWEZI?

A: THE FNLC'S ALLEGATIONS THAT U.S. TROOPS ARE IN SHABA ARE TOTALLY WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

4. Q: WHAT ABOUT THE MILITARY SITUATION IN SHABA PROVINCE?

A: I HAVE NOTHING FOR YOU ON THE MILITARY SITUATION.

5. Q: WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE ZAIRIAN AID REQUEST?

A: AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, THE AID REQUEST IS UNDER CAREFUL STUDY.

6. Q: IT SEEMS TO HAVE TAKEN SOME TIME FOR A DECISION TO BE MADE ON THIS REQUEST. DOES THE ADMINISTRATION FEEL THAT THE MATERIEL REQUESTED IS NOT NEEDED URGENTLY, OR IS THE ADMINISTRATION UNABLE TO MAKE UP ITS MIND?

A: THE ADMINISTRATION HAS RESPONDED IN AN EXPEDITIOUS MANNER TO THE ZAIRIAN REQUEST BY DESPATCHING TWO CHARTERED AIRCRAFT WITH ASSORTED MILITARY EQUIPMENT. OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE REQUEST REMAIN UNDER ACTIVE, CAREFUL STUDY.

7. IF ASKED ONLY

Q: ARE THERE REGULAR U.S. MILITARY FLIGHTS TO KINSHASA?

A: SINCE THERE IS A U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE MISSION IN KINSHASA, A U.S. MILITARY CARGO PLANE, USUALLY A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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C-130, FLIES TO KINSHASA APPROXIMATELY EVERY OTHER WEEK FROM CHARLESTON WITH VARIOUS SUPPLIES FOR THE MISSION AND EMBASSY, INCLUDING THE U.S. MAIL.

8. IF PRESSED ONLY

Q: HAVEN'T THESE REGULAR MILITARY CARGO FLIGHTS TO KINSHASA BEEN USED TO SHIP MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO ZAIRE?

A: I UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE PAST THE FLIGHT HAS OCCASIONALLY BEEN USED TO SHIP MILITARY EQUIPMENT PURCHASED BY ZAIRE UNDER ONGOING FMS CREDITS. CHRISTOPHER

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